6 October 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Governor Reagan

- 1. On 4 October Governor Reagan was briefed on the Middle East from 1100 to 1320 in Middleburg, Virginia. Present with Governor Reagan were Ambassador Bush, Campaign Director William Casey, Chief of Staff Ed Meese, and National Security Adviser Richard Allen.
- 2. The briefing was given by the DCI, Robert Ames, NIO for the Near East and South Asia, and the undersigned. The DCI covered the petroleum aspects of the Middle East situation and the wars between Iran and Iraq and in Afghanistan. Ames covered the internal situations in Saudia Arabia and Iran, and I covered the impact of the Iran-Iraq war on the area as a whole and the Soviet role. My notes are attached.
- 3. The briefing went very well indeed. There were a number of questions of all sorts from all those present. The questions which approached policy concerns were as follows:

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